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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives wish to recognize the sacrifice made by United States Army Specialist Ron Gebur, who passed away in Iraq on May 13, 2006; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Gebur was a platoon leader assigned as a sniper with the U.S. Army 4th Infantry Division based at Fort Hood, Texas; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Gebur was deployed on a mission to Iraq on December 13, 2005; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Kevin Marsh, the Battalion Surgeon of the 1-22 Infantry wrote that just prior to his death, Specialist Gebur had been in the midst of a 4-day class designed to teach more medical skills to soldiers when his unit was called up for a mission on or about May 9, 2006, a mission from which Specialist Gebur was excused to allow for completion of said class; and

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WHEREAS, Specialist Gebur advised Dr. Marsh that his duty was to be with his unit and thus departed on the fateful mission on May 9, 2006; and

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1 WHEREAS, Specialist Gebur was killed on May 13, 2006,
2 leaving behind his wife, Bethany Gebur; his son, Gage Gebur;
3 his parents, Larry and Debra Gebur; and his sister, Camille
4 Gebur; and

5 WHEREAS, Specialist Gebur's life was marked with a spirit
6 of selflessness and dedication and he was known for being
7 big-hearted, kind, and a leader among the soldiers with whom he
8 served; and

9 WHEREAS, The Honor and Remember organization's mission is
10 to establish and promote a nationally-recognized flag that
11 would adopt a universally-recognized symbol that acknowledges
12 the American service men and women who sacrificed their lives
13 in support of their country; and

14 WHEREAS, Frontier Communications supports the mission of
15 the Honor and Remember organization and will honor the memory
16 of Specialist Gebur by presenting the Honor and Remember flag
17 to his son, Gage Gebur; therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
19 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
20 honor the service and the sacrifice of Specialist Ron Gebur and
21 we support the Honor and Remember organization's goal of a
22 universally-recognized symbol honoring the sacrifice of those

1 who perished serving our country; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to Specialist Gebur's family as an expression of our
4 respect and in further honor of Specialist Gebur's life.